

Remarks

Reexamination and reconsideration of the rejections are hereby requested.

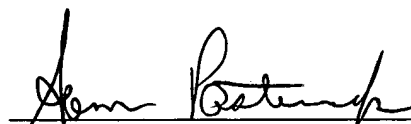
Claim 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 17-22 stand allowed and claim 23 has been objected to but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1-16 and 24-27 stand rejected.

In response to the office action, claims 1-16 and 24-27 have been cancelled without prejudice. These claims will be pursued in a continuation application. Claim 23, indicated to contain allowable subject matter, has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 1. Finally, a new method claim 28, depending from allowed claim 17, has been added. As to new claim 28, it is submitted that no new matter is being added in that the claim language is supported generally throughout the specification along with Figs. 3 and 5.

It is submitted that the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance and early favorable action is requested.

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